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Land Use & Development Committee

Monday, May 8, 4:00 p.m., City Manager's Conf. Room, City Hall

Historic Preservation Board

Tuesday, May 9, 9:00 a.m., Commission Chambers, City Hall

Commission Meeting

Wednesday, May 10, 9:00 a.m., Commission Chambers, City Hall

Miami International Piano Festival - Discovery Series

Thursday, May 11 through Sunday, May 14,
Lincoln Theatre, 541 Lincoln Road

13th Annual Student Showcase - Miami City Ballet

Friday, May 12 through Sunday, May 14
Friday and Saturday, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday, 2:00 p.m.
Lynn and Louis Wolfson II Theatre, 2200 Liberty Ave.

Miami/Project Hip Hop: Artist Showcase

Saturday, May 13, 2006, 8:00 p.m.
Byron Carlyle Theater, 500 71st St.

JVC Jazz Festival Miami Beach

Wednesday, May 17, 2006 through Sunday, May 21, 2006
Various locations and times throughout Miami Beach

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CALL FOR ARTISTS TO REDESIGN CITY'S MANHOLE COVERS

The City of Miami Beach's Art in Public Places Committee is seeking an artist to create an original work of art for the City's manhole covers to further promote Miami Beach as a world-renowned cultural destination. The artwork, which will be selected by the Miami Beach City Commission, will replace existing manhole covers.

The deadline to submit proposals is Wednesday, July 5, 2006, at 5:00 p.m. One entry per artist. Miami-Dade County residents only. Art must be able to be made into a solid cast mold. For additional information and technical requirements regarding this project, please visit http://www.miamibeachfl.gov/newcity/depts/arce/ap_pccall.asp.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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305.604.CITY (2489)

Parking
305.673.PARK (7275)

Mayor/Commission
305.673.7030

Job Hotline
305.673.7777

City Manager
305.673.7010

Tourism Hotline
305.673.7400

Police (Non-Emergency)
305.673.7900

Sanitation/Garbage
305.673.7616

Fire (Non-Emergency)
305.673.7120

Bulky Waste Pickup
305.471.4444

Parks & Recreation
305.673.7730

Water & Sewer (24 hr)
305.673.7625

City Hosts Hurricane Information Fair

The City of Miami Beach will host the fifth annual Hurricane Information and Preparedness Fair to provide valuable information on what Miami Beach residents and businesses should do to prepare before and after a hurricane. The events will be held on:

Sunday, May 7, 2006

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
1000 block Lincoln Road
(between Lenox and Michigan avenues)

Saturday, May 13, 2006

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
North Beach Farmers Market at the Normandy Fountain

Saturday, May 20, 2006

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
RDA South Pointe Police Satellite Station
(located at 210 2nd St.)

City Requests to Delay 63rd Street Flyover Project

In a special meeting held last week, the Miami Beach City Commission requested that the Florida Department of Transportation delay the construction of the 63rd Street flyover project until after the completion of the Biscayne Boulevard project. Local FDOT officials have agreed to wait until the school year has concluded. However, the Commission also gave a directive to the Mayor and City Manager to take additional steps, including speaking to Gov. Bush, to further delay the project. Check the CityPage weekly for updates on this project.

Youth Participate in Physical Fitness Challenge



The Parks and Recreation Department recently held the annual Youth Physical Fitness Challenge to assess the health of 258 kids in parks' programs. The event included a shuttle run, 50-yard dash, push-ups, pull-ups and a quarter-mile run. For information, visit miamibeachparks.com or call 305.673.7730.

Q+A with Donald Druitt

Miami Beach Emergency Management Coordinator

The City of Miami Beach recently appointed Donald Druitt as the new emergency management coordinator. He has more than 35 years of experience in emergency management and disaster preparedness, and joined the City just in time for hurricane season. He shared some thoughts in a recent interview.

Q: How can Miami Beach residents assist in an emergency situation?

A: First and foremost, be prepared and have a family emergency response plan, which includes having an adequate amount of personal emergency supplies. It is best to have at least three to five days worth of non-perishable food, water, medicines, portable radio and flashlight with extra batteries, change of clothing, bedding and important documents, such as insurance papers and wills, and an appropriate amount of cash. Last but not least, heed the warnings and direction of the City's emergency staff should an emergency arise.

Q: What do you think is Miami Beach's greatest challenge?

A: One of the greatest challenges is convincing everyone that an evacuation is required and the best thing to do. I also believe that we can develop solutions to many questions or concerns that may be pending due to the uncertainty of the upcoming hurricane season by working closely with various organizations and businesses.

Q: What is your main goal as the City's emergency management coordinator?

A: My goal is to have one message and one voice when it comes to getting information to our residents, visitors and staff. We will certainly partner with the county, state and if need be, federal officials to achieve our goal - to preserve life, safety and the protection of property as it pertains to our citizens, our visitors and our work force.

Q: What attracted you to Miami Beach?

A: The international flavor of many different cultures that exudes from here is what I find so appealing about Miami Beach, not only the visitors or residents of the beach but also the work force.

